



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**(Case No.: MBHB00-830-A; 600/005)**

In re the Application of:

**Vargeese et al.**

**Serial No.: 09/887,182**

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**For: METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL  
SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed September 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Listing of the Claims** reflecting claim amendments begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Response.